ENGL 605: Computers and Writing

Project Bibliography

Sources are organized topically. Complete references appear alphabetically below

Topic: Retrofitting Obsolescence and Open Access Design for the Future

On Obsolescence

(Fitzpatrick, 2011)

A book on technology, academic publishing models, and authorship. Fitzpatrick is at Michigan State University.

(Goble, 2016)

Book chapter exploring obsolescence as an aesthetic in Modernism. Written from a literary studies perspective.

(Gabrys, 2011)

This is an open access book, widely cited on the topic of digital trash. Specifically it also considers the ways in which the seemingly non-material nature of digital content relies on a substantial amount of physical rubbish.

(Lemer Andrew C., 1996)

This is an older article on the obsolescence of physical infrastructure.

(Colletti & Chonko, 1997)

Discusses change management, the business cycle, and obsolescence in the business context.

Circularity of style obsolescence (fashion)

On Planned Obsolescence

("Open Source, the only weapon against 'planned obsolescence' | TheINQUIRER," 2007)

This is now dated technology article. It points to old examples of planned obsolescence in the technology sector (specifically Palm Pilots...hehehe who even knows what those are). But the key argument (or what is really presented as an assertion) remains viable: open source is the best/only way around planned obsolescence.

On Retrofit (and Remix)

On Accessibility

("Accessible Syllabus," n.d.)Winner of 2017 Kairos best webtext. This interactive site ADA Standards for Accessible Design

On Time

On Technology and Composition

(Hawisher, 1986)

This is one of Hawisher's earliest articles on comparisons between students editing using pen/pencil/typewriter versus early word processing software. Her initial findings are that there are no significant differences between these methods. I'm interested in including it here, partially as a historical document and as an example in media as communication interface (microfiche).

(Moore et al., 2016)

A widely cited article in Computers and Writing that is more expensive than Hawisher's (with 1366 student samples). Authors cite a sustained need for reflexive thinking. Can reflexive writing practices be understood as a form of retrofitting?

On Memory

(Brooke, 2009):

Is a revisioning of the five canons of rhetoric from a new vantage point of digitality. Chapter 6 reinterprets memory as persistence and makes a crucial distinction of memory as a presence/absence of information versus memory as patterns. The new term "persistence of cognition" is developed as a framework for this view of memory as a function.

On Interfaces

(Selfe & Selfe, 1994):

Article examining the role of power in electronic contact zones.

(Kirschenbaum, 2004): Chapter on interface

On Boundary Objects and Contact Zones

Here and I am exploring the concept of temporal boundary objects--things whose critical interface is time

(Star, 1989)

(Star, 2010)

(Bowker, Timmermans, Clarke, & Balka, 2015) is a an excellent collection of Star's work along with chapters contributed by contemporary theorists and commentators

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